

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 20

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5 By: Senator Altes
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION OF MINI-TRUCKS;
10 PROVIDING FOR OPERATION OF MINI-TRUCKS ON
11 ROADWAYS OF THIS STATE; EXCLUDING MINI-TRUCKS
12 FROM THE DEFINITION OF "ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE"; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 MINI-TRUCKS; FOR OPERATION OF MINI-
18 TRUCKS ON ROADWAYS OF THIS STATE; AND
19 EXCLUDING MINI-TRUCKS FROM THE
20 DEFINITION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Title 27 is amended to add an additional chapter to read as
26 follows:

27 Chapter 25 – Mini-trucks

28 27-25-101. Definitions.

29 As used in this chapter:

30 (1) "Mini-truck" means a foreign-manufactured import or
31 domestic-manufactured vehicle that:

32 (A) Is powered by an internal combustion engine with
33 a piston or rotor displacement of one thousand cubic centimeters (1,000 cc)
34 or less;

35 (B) Is sixty-seven inches (67") or less in width;

36 (C) Has an unladen dry weight of three thousand four



1 hundred pounds (3,400 lbs.) or less;

2 (D) Travels on four (4) or more tires;

3 (E) Has a top speed of approximately fifty-five miles
 4 per hour (55 mph);

5 (F) Is equipped with a bed or compartment for
 6 hauling; and

7 (G) Has an enclosed passenger cab; and

8 (2)(A) "Roadways of this state" means the part of the street,
 9 road, or highway, including the improved road shoulder, that is open to
 10 vehicular traffic and that is maintained by the State of Arkansas or by a
 11 political subdivision of the state.

12 (B) "Roadways of this state" does not include any federal
 13 highway.

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 15 27-25-102. Registration.

16 (a) A mini-truck shall be registered and titled in accordance with the
 17 provisions of the Uniform Motor Vehicle Administration, Certificate of Title,
 18 and Antitheft Act, § 27-14-101 et seq.

19 (b) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration has
 20 the authority to promulgate rules for the titling and registration of mini-
 21 trucks.

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 23 27-25-103. Operation on roadways of this state.

24 (a) A mini-truck that has been titled and registered under the Uniform
 25 Motor Vehicle Administration, Certificate of Title, and Antitheft Act, § 27-
 26 14-101 et seq., may be operated on the roadways of this state.

27 (b) A mini-truck shall not be permitted to travel upon any highway in
 28 this state that is a federal highway.

29 (c) An operator of a mini-truck shall comply with all traffic
 30 regulations and rules of conduct for the operation of a motor vehicle on the
 31 roadways of this state as provided by law.

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 33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-21-102 is amended to read as follows:

34 27-21-102. Definitions.

35 As used in this chapter:

36 (1)(A) "All-terrain vehicle" means every three-wheeled, four-wheeled,

1 or six-wheeled vehicle seventy-five inches (75") or less in width, equipped
2 with low pressure tires designed primarily for off-road recreational use and
3 having an engine displacement of no more than one thousand cubic centimeters
4 (1,000 cc).

5 (B) The term "all-terrain vehicle" shall not include any
6 golf cart, riding lawnmower, or lawn or garden tractor.

7 (C) The term "all-terrain vehicle" shall not include a mini-
8 truck as defined at §27-25-101(1);

9 (2) "Low pressure tire" means a pneumatic tire six inches (6") or more
10 in width designed for use on a wheel with a rim diameter of twelve inches
11 (12") or less and utilizing an operating pressure of ten pounds per square
12 inch (10 psi) or less as recommended by the vehicle manufacturer; and

13 (3) "Public streets and highways" means the part of the street, road,
14 or highway, including the improved road shoulder, which is open to vehicular
15 traffic and which is maintained by the state or by a political subdivision of
16 the State of Arkansas, and includes any federal highways.

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